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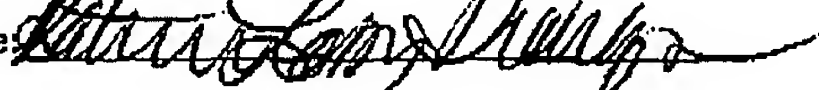
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 8 | MINUS | 22 | = 0 | X \$18 | \$ 0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 | MINUS | 2 | = 0 | X \$84 | \$ 0 |
| () FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | + \$280 | \$ 0 |
| EXTENSION FEE | 1ST MONTH \$110.00 | 2ND MONTH \$400.00 | 3RD MONTH \$920.00 | 4TH MONTH \$1440.00 | | \$ 0 |
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